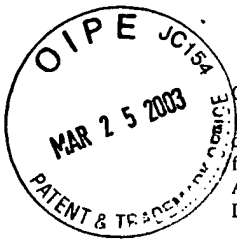


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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 18, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.